

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER BOARD ANNOUNCES WATER QUALITY AWARD WINNERS

Los Angeles—The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board today announced the recipients of its 2002 Water Quality Awards. The winners will be honored at a dinner **Thursday, April 18, 2002** at the Doubletree Hotel in Pasadena.

“The awards recognize the extraordinary steps taken by individuals, organizations and agencies to protect and enhance the health of the State’s waters,” said Francine Diamond, the Regional Board Chair. “This year’s recipients are distinguished by having moved beyond clean water regulatory requirements to help achieve even greater levels of protection and awareness for the residents of the Los Angeles Watershed Basin.”

The 2002 Water Quality Award Recipients are:

- **Water Quality Excellence—Felicia Marcus** for her exceptional and successful efforts to protect human health and the environment through grass-roots activism, legal advocacy and governmental leadership.
- **Innovation in Water Quality Protection—Dr. Michael Stenstrom**, from UCLA, for his significant contributions to storm water research and the development of treatment technologies.
- **Public Education in Water Quality—Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Heal the Bay** for their innovative and educational Bay Days program.
- **Water Quality Stewardship—Jessica Altstatt**, from Santa Barbara BayKeeper, for successfully developing and implementing a volunteer-based water quality monitoring program for the Ventura River Watershed.
- **Water Quality Educator—Mr. Ray Millette**, a science teacher at Palisades High School, for developing a marine science program that educates students about the importance and preservation of water resources.
- **Water Quality Leadership—Assemblymember Fran Pavley** for her extraordinary and steadfast advocacy in protecting California’s coast.
- **Water Quality Conservation—TreePeople** for advancing an integrated approach to urban watershed management. Honorable mention goes to Andy Lipkis, founder.
- **Water Quality Research—Southern California Coastal Water Research Project** for enriching our understanding of the affects of man’s activities on the State’s coastal environment. Honorable mention goes to Drew Ackerman, Steven Bay and Ken Schiff, researchers.
- **Water Body Restoration—Santa Monica BayKeeper**, for its restoration of kelp forests in the Santa Monica Bay.
- **Most Improved Permittee—Port of Long Beach** for its aggressive clean-up and comprehensive storm water management programs.

“While work remains to be done, much progress has been made in restoring and protecting the State’s precious water resources,” said Diamond. “The good that has been accomplished—and that will be done in the future—is due to the collaborative efforts of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and those who we are honoring tonight.”

For more information about the 2002 Water Quality Control Awards, please call Stephen Cain at 213.576.6694.